

In The Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for [typing] spelling a word using a phonetic alphabet, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of bics, wherein said plurality of bics are comprised of typeable roman letters and combined typeable roman letters; and

combining at least one of said plurality of bics to phonetically spell said word.

Claim 2 (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

assigning a certain sound to a unique one of each of said plurality of bics.

Claim 3 (previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein said step of providing a plurality of bics further comprises the step of:

arranging said plurality of bics and said typeable roman letters and combined typeable roman letters into a pronunciation key.

Claim 4 (currently amended) A method for learning the orthographic spelling of a word, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a typeable phonetic alphabet;

phonetically spelling said word using said typeable phonetic alphabet; and

comparing and contrasting said typeable phonetic spelling with said orthographic spelling of said word, thereby learning the orthographic spelling of the word.

Claim 5 (previously presented) The method of claim 4 wherein said step of providing a typeable phonetic alphabet further comprises the step of:

providing a pronunciation key of roman letters and combined roman letters.

Claim 6 (previously presented) The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of:

assigning a certain sound to a unique one of each of said roman letters and combined roman letters within said pronunciation key.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The method of claim 4 wherein said step of comparing and contrasting said typeable phonetic spelling to said orthographic spelling of said word further comprises the step of:

providing an alphabetical listing of words spelled using said typeable phonetic spelling; and

providing said orthographic spelling of said word in close proximity to said typeable phonetic spelling of said word.

Claim 8 (currently amended) A method for determining an orthographic spelling and definition of a word based upon a pronunciation of said word, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a typeable phonetic alphabet; [and],

providing a dictionary which is arranged based upon said typeable phonetic alphabet; and

using said dictionary to determine said orthographic spelling.

Claim 9 (previously presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising the steps of:

phonetically spelling said word using said typeable phonetic alphabet.

Claim 10 (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said step of providing a dictionary further comprises the step of:

placing said orthographic spelling and definition of said word next to said phonetic spelling of said word.

Claim 11 (previously presented) The method of claim 10 wherein said word is in a different language than said definition of said word.